Potable Water for all

850. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd July, 1992 captioned "Potable water for all by March, 1997";

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating Central Government's plan to cover all rural habitation with supply of safe drinking water by the end of March, 1997 as well as during 8th Five Year Plan period 1992-97, indicating further the total outlay of the Ministry for 1992-93 and during 8th Plan period for Rajasthan State;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the problem of excess fluoride and guinea worms in drinking water of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken for eradication thereof and whether any allocation made in this regard by the Central Government and UNICEF, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1-4-92, 2968 'No Source' problem villages remained to be covered. It is proposed to provide at least one safe source of drinking water in all these villages by March, 1993. As on 1-4-92, there were 86720 partially covered villages. A fresh Survey has been undertaken to find out the Status of Drinking Water in rural habitations. Based on the finding in the Survey, it is proposed to fully cover all unserved/underserved habitations by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The schemes for such coverage will be taken up under Minimum Needs Programme and Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. The total outlay of the Ministry for rural water supply for 1992-93 is Rs. 460 crores. Out of this, the allocation for Rajasthan is Rs. 48.42 crores. The allocation to the States/UTs including Rajasthan is decided on year to year basis.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) For Eradication of Guineaworm in Rjasthan, a project was approved for drinking water supply and conversion of stepwells into sanitary wells at a cost of Rs. 491.594 lakhs already released as special Central assistance.

An integrated project with UNICEF assistance has also been approved for implementation in 9 districts of Jhalawar, Nagaur, Barmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Chittorgarh, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Kota. The cost of the project is Rs. 27.12 crores. The sharing of costs in Central Government is Rs. 11.69 crore, UNICEF—Rs. 10.91 crores, State Government—Rs. 4 crores, Users—Rs. 55 lakhs. Out of the share of Central assistance, Rs. 3 crores has already been released.

Another project for Eradication of Guineaworm with assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) is under implementation in the districts of Durgapur, Banswara, Udaipur and Rajsamund. The project services the poorest and most remote villages with adequate safe water, sanitation and health intervention. Under this project, 7881 step wells have been converted, 6536 handpumps installed, 1413 sanitary latrines constructed and a number of preventive/awareness camps organised.

The following measures have been taken for the control of excess fluoride in drinking water in Rajasthan.

(i) setting up of 40 defluoridation plants of the fill and draw type and 64 handpump attached type. 12 fill and draw and 10 hand pump attached plants have already been commissioned.

(ii) Creating awareness, health education about the danger of drinking water with excess fluoride, in

23 districts. Assistance of Rs. 12.04 lakhs has been released.

(iii) Supply of Ion meters and setting up of stationary laboratories for testing of quality of drinking water.

(iv) Epidemeological and water quality survey.

(v) Project proposal for 1597 fluoride affected villages for assistance from the World Bank.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Modern Rent Control Legislation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Madam I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the document entitled "Modern Rent Control Legislation.' [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 2235/92]

I. Report (1990) of the Central Vigilance Commission New Delhi and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Department of Personnel and Training under All India services Acts 1951 and 1961.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report of the Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi, for the period from 1st January, 1990 to 31st December, 1990, together with the Memorandum explaining the reasons for non-acceptance of the Commission's advice. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT. 2221/92].

II (A) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act. 1951:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 193 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Fourth Amendment Regulation, 1992.

(2) G.S.R. No. 194 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fourth Amendment Rules, 1992.

(3) G.S.R. No. 195 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 587, dated the 19th October, 1991.

(4) G.S.R. No. 196 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Corrigendum to G.S.R. No. 588 dated the 19th October, 1991.

(5) G.S.R. No. 197 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre of Strength) 3rd Amendment Regulations, 1992.

(6) G.S.R. No. 198 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre of Strength) Fifth Amendment Regulations, 1992.

(7) G.S.R. No. 199 dated the 9th May, 1992, publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fifth Amendment Rules, 1992.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 2220/92 for (1) to (7)]

(B) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section(2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1961:—